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- At a meeting of the Trade Union Unity Department of the FDGB Bundesvorstand on 11 May 1955, Alfred Mueller¹, head of the Department, announced that within a short time there would be major reorganizations within the whole East German trade-union structure. He stated that a large proportion of the full-time functionaries of the FDGB Bundesvorstand and the Central Directorates of the various unions and trade unions would be reassigned to positions throughout East Germany. Their positions in Berlin are to be filled by trade-union functionaries who had proved themselves reliable in the various Bezirke. In line with this shift, Mueller also announced that the salaries of FDGB functionaries would be "fitted to the new profitability principles".²
- A further change announced by Mueller was a departure from the past method of paying functionaries released by plants for trade-union work. In the past, these individuals had been paid by the plants. As of May 1955, they will be paid by the FDGB,³ and a new system of salaries for this group will be worked out.
- In accordance with these new directives, the Trade Union Unity Department is to submit a plan for the reorganization of its all-German work. The plan is to be presented to the Secretariat of the FDGB Bundesvorstand on 15 June 1955.

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